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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 96th plenary meeting, on 11 February 1993, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/47/881), decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 54th and 55th meetings, on 8 and 10 March 1993, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (A/47/881/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/896).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/47/L.32

3. At the 55th meeting, on 10 March, the representative of Portugal introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.32.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.32 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.54 and 55).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 782 (1992) of 13 October 1992,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 797 (1992) of 16 December 1992 by which the Council, inter alia, decided to establish under its authority a United Nations Operation in Mozambique for a period until 31 October 1993,

Recognizing that the costs of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Operation in Mozambique, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States that are permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Operation in Mozambique with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Expresses concern for the delays in launching and in the submission of the financing proposal for the United Nations Operation in Mozambique;

2. Regrets that the report of the Secretary-General 1/ did not provide full and detailed information on the cost estimates of the operation;

1/ A/47/881/Add.1.

2/ A/47/896.

3. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

4. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique in full and on time;

5. Notes that, pursuant to Security Council resolution 797 (1992), the Secretary-General is requested to submit a further report to the Council by 31 March 1993;

6. Decides at this stage to appropriate, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee, a lump sum amount of 140,000,000 United States dollars, inclusive of the amount of 9,500,000 dollars authorized with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee for the period from 15 October 1992 to 30 June 1993, inclusive, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Operation in Mozambique in accordance with paragraph 34 of his report;

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 140,000,000 dollars for the period from 15 October 1992 to 30 June 1993 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 of 23 December 1992, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 3/

8. Decides further to establish the contributions of the Czech Republic and Slovakia to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-eighth session;

9. Invites the new Member States mentioned in paragraph 8 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions to be determined;

10. Requests that the Secretary-General submit as soon as possible but not later than 1 July 1993 revised and detailed cost estimates for the United Nations Operation in Mozambique for the entire mandate period, taking into account any possible adjustments in the operational plan and related decisions of the Security Council, and the financial performance of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique during the initial start-up period;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

3/ See resolution 46/221 A and decision 47/456.

12. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that all United Nations activities related to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique are administered under the authority of his interim Special Representative in a coordinated fashion with a maximum of efficiency and economy and in accordance with the relevant mandate; and further requests the Secretary-General to report on the arrangement made in this regard in the report on the financial performance of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique".

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The General Assembly

1. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure a more effective planning of peace-keeping operations and to undertake an urgent review of the current procedures to enable the proper and timely launching of such missions in a cost-effective and efficient manner, and to report on his efforts to the General Assembly at its current session;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to improve the format, contents and transparency of information contained in the cost estimates for peace-keeping operations in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as approved by the General Assembly.